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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTS' MEETING IN PANAMA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO CALLED ME IN EVENING MARCH 24 AT REQUEST OF PRESIDENT ODUBER TO PROVIDE SHORT BRIEFING ON PRESIDENTS' MEETING IN PANAMA MARCH 22-24. FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPAL POINTS MENTIONED BY FACIO.

2. MEETING FOCUSSED ESSENTIALLY ON PANAMA CANAL QUESTION. PANAMA APPEARED TO BE SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS AND WITH U.S. GOOD FAITH. COSTA RICA FELT, THEREFORE, THAT FULL EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR PANAMA IN THIS CASE NOT IN ANY WAY PREJUDICIAL OR HARMFUL TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. LETTER IS BEING ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT FORD AND WILL BE DELIVERED BY COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON EARLY IN APRIL TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR FALL VISIT OF COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT. LETTER GIVES TEXT OF "PANAMA DECLARATION" AND REQUESTS U.S. TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE FOR EARLY CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT. FACIO WANTED LETTER TO BE DRAFTED IN ENGLISH, BUT PRESSURE OF TIME DID NOT ALLOW. FACIO DID SUCCEED IN DISSUADING PRESIDENTS FROM

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MAKING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO POSITION OF U.S. SENATORS ON

POSSIBLE CANAL TREATY.

4. ANOTHER LETTER BEING SENT TO ALL LATIN AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE ALSO GIVING TEXT OF PANAMA DECLARATION AND ASKING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT FOR PANAMA. COSTA RICA DECLINED TO SIGN LETTER TO FIDEL CASTRO OF CUBA.

5. IMPORTANT PROBLEM AT MEETING WAS GREAT RELUCTANCE OF COLOMBIA TO AGREE TO GIVE UP ITS "RIGHTS" UNDER URRUTIA-THOMPSON TREATY. COLOMBIA CEDED ONLY AFTER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE EXERTED BY ALL CONCERNED. ONCE PANAMA AGREED TO GIVE COLOMBIA, AS NEIGHBOR, SPECIAL PRIVILEGES IN USE OF CANAL, IT WAS IN DIFFICULT POSITION TO REFUSE TO GRANT SIMILAR TREATMENT TO COSTA RICA WHICH IS THE OTHER NEIGHBOR. THEREFORE, COSTA RICA BENEFITED FROM SITUATION.

6. STATEMENTS ON OTHER ISSUES DEVELOPED AT LAST MINUTE PRIMARILY AT INSISTENCE OF COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA AND WERE PRODUCED IN HASTY DRAFTING SESSION LASTING INTO WEE HOURS OF MORNING OF MARCH 24.

7. ON LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEMS (SELA), FACIO PERSONALLY DOES NOT THINK ORGANIZATION IS LIKELY TO DEVELOP MEANINGFULLY. HOWEVER, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR COSTA RICA NOT TO GO ALONG WITH DESIRE TO CREATE SUCH AN ORGANIZATION. PRINCIPAL VICTORY IN THIS REGARD WAS INSISTENCE THAT SELA IS NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR OAS AND THAT EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO STRENGTHEN LATTER ORGANIZATION.
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